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Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session

Draft report

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I. Organization of the session

1. The Committee for Programme and Coordination held its organizational session (1st meeting) at United Nations Headquarters on 11 May 2005 and its substantive session from 6 June to 1 July 2005. It held a total of 15 meetings and a number of informal consultations.

A. Agenda

2. The agenda for the forty-fifth session, adopted by the Committee at its organization session (1st meeting), is contained in annex I to the present report.

3. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in document E/AC.51/2005/L.2. The Committee postponed the selection of a report of the Joint Inspection Unit for its consideration to its substantive session, pending a review by the members of the Bureau.

Programme of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 11 May, the Committee had before it an informal paper submitted by the secretariat of the Committee setting out the proposed programme of work for the forty-fifth session. Views were exchanged on the duration and length of the session, as well as on the question relating to the proposed programme budget for the period 2006-2007. Due to the divergent views expressed on those issues, the Committee postponed taking a decision on its programme of work pending a review by the members of the Bureau. The Committee, in compliance with General Assembly resolution 59/275 of 23 December 2004, by which the Assembly

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welcomed the decision of the Committee to revert to the agenda item entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate", as a matter of priority, at the beginning of its forty-fifth session, approved the programme of work of the Committee for the first two days, namely 6 and 7 June 2005, for its consideration of agenda item 7.

5. At its 2nd-4th and 6th meetings, on 6, 7 and 9 June, the Committee considered its proposed programme of work for the forty-fifth session. Questions were raised on the interpretation by the Secretariat of General Assembly resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003 on strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change, particularly the provisions continued in paragraphs 11-14.

6. At its 3rd meeting, on 6 June, the representative from the Office of the Controller provided the Committee with the information requested and an explanation of the Secretariat's interpretation of General Assembly resolution 58/269. Taking into account the different views expressed in the Committee on the consideration of agenda item 4 (b), Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the period 2006-2007, the proposed programme of work for the forty-fifth session was referred to informal consultations. Following extensive discussions and negotiations, the Committee agreed on a procedure that would meet the concerns of delegations and address the implementation of the provisions contained in paragraphs 11-14 of General Assembly resolution 58/269, namely, that a statement on the implementation of resolution 58/269 with regard to sections 1-6, 8-30, 33 and 34 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 would be made by the Controller and that a statement would be made by the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security, under sub-item (a), programme planning, on proposed programme 27, Safety and security (A/59/806), of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007.

7. At its 6th meeting, on 9 June, the Committee approved its programme of work for the forty-fifth session of the Committee.

Selection of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 June, the Committee's attention was drawn to the fact that the report entitled "Overview of the series of reports on managing for results in the United Nations system" (A/59/617) contained an overview of three other reports. Taking into account that the benchmarks contained in the other three reports were included in that report, the Committee decided to select it, along with an addendum containing the comments thereon by the Secretary-General and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (A/59/617/Add.1), for its consideration at its forty-fifth session.

B. Election of officers

9. At its 1st meeting, on 11 May, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Valery Mkrtoumian (Armenia) Chairman of the Committee for the forty-fifth session.

10. On 3 June 2005, in a note verbale from the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations, the secretariat of the Committee for Programme and

Coordination was informed that, owing to unforeseen health complications, the elected Chairman of the forty-fifth session would be unable to attend the session. Consequently, the members of the Group of Eastern European States were invited to nominate a candidate.

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Markiyan Kulyk (Ukraine) Chairman of the Committee for the forty-fifth session.

12. At its 1st meeting, on 11 May, the Committee elected, by acclamation, the following members of the Bureau for the forty-fifth session: Vice-Chairmen: Yoo-Dae Jong (Republic of Korea) and Johannes de Millo Terrazzani (Monaco); and Rapporteur: Abdelatif Debabeche (Algeria).

13. At its 5th meeting, on 7 June, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Devon Rowe (Jamaica) Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the forty-fifth session.

14. The Members of the Bureau for the forty-fifth session of the Committee are:

Chairman:
Markiyan Kulyk (Ukraine)

Vice-Chairmen:
Yoo-Dae Jong (Republic of Korea)
Johannes de Millo Terrazzani (Monaco)
Devon Rowe (Jamaica)

Rapporteur:
Abdelatif Debabeche (Algeria)

C. Attendance

15. The following States Members were represented on the Committee:

Algeria
Argentina
Armenia
Bahamas
Benin
Brazil
Canada
Central African Republic
China
Comoros
Cuba
France
Gabon
Germany
Ghana
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Mexico
Monaco
Nicaragua
Pakistan
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Russian Federation
South Africa
Switzerland
Ukraine
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Zimbabwe

16. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Austria
Bulgaria
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican Republic
Egypt
Finland
Guatemala
Italy
Nigeria
Philippines
Portugal
Singapore
Slovak Republic
Syrian Arab Republic
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

17. The Holy See was represented in its capacity as Observer State.

18. The International Labour Organization was represented.

19. Also present at the session were the Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security, the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Controller, the Director of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, an Inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit and senior officials of the United Nations Secretariat.

D. Documentation

20. The list of documents before the Committee at its forty-fifth session is set out in annex II to the present report.

E. Adoption of the report of the Committee

21. At its 15th meeting, on 1 July, the Committee adopted the draft report on the work of its forty-fifth session (E/AC.51/2005/L.4 and Add.1-__).

Annex I

Agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Committee

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.
4. Programme questions:
   (a) Programme planning;
   (b) Proposed programme budget for the period 2006-2007;[a]
   (c) Evaluation.
5. Coordination questions:
   (a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;
   (b) New Partnership for Africa's Development.
6. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit.
7. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate.
8. Provisional agenda for the forty-sixth session.
9. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session.

[a] In accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/269.

Annex II

List of documents before the Committee at its forty-fifth session

A/59/87	Report of the Secretary-General on priority-setting
A/59/806	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting proposed programme 27, Safety and security, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2006-2007
A/60/70	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress and impact assessment of management improvement measures
A/60/73[a]	Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the strengthening and monitoring of programme performance and evaluation
E/2005/63	Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2004/05
E/AC.51/2005/1	Annotated provisional agenda
E/AC.51/2005/2	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of linkages between headquarters and field activities: a review of best practices for poverty eradication in the framework of the United Nations Millennium Declaration
E/AC.51/2005/3	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
E/AC.51/2005/4	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session on the in-depth evaluation of General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and Economic and Social Council support and coordination
E/AC.51/2005/5 and Corr.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session on the in-depth evaluation of legal affairs
E/AC.51/2005/6	Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development
E/AC.51/2005/L.1 and Rev.1	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation and for the forty-fifth session

[a] Provided for background information.

E/AC.51/2005/L.2	Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit
E/AC.51/2005/L.3	Note by the Secretariat containing the provisional agenda and documentation requirements for the forty-sixth session of the Committee
E/AC.51/2005/L.4 and Add.1-___	Draft report of the Committee on its forty-fifth session
E/AC.51/2005/CRP.1	Conference room paper on proposals for future thematic evaluation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services
E/AC.51/2005/INF.1	List of delegations